डा. रघुवशं प्रसाद सिंह : सभापति महोदय , एस.जी.आर. आई. जो वेजिस एम्प्लोएमेंट स्कीम है और जो इंदिरा आवास योजना है , यहां से सीधे डी.आर.डी.ए को पैसा जाता है । डी.आर. डी.ए. से पंचायत के पास जाता है , तदानुसार खर्च होता है .... (**व्यवधान**) ... इसमें डी.आर.डी.ए में जिला पंचायत को बीस प्रतिशत .... (**व्यवधान**) .... ग्राम पंचायतो को पचास प्रतिशत ... (**व्यवधान**) .... दिया जाता है।

श्री सभापति : बैठिए । Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Construction of tunnel below Rohtang pass

†*206. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of the work for constructing a tunnel below Rohtang pass near Manali in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the proposed expenditure on this for the current year alongwith the expenditure incurred so far and total expenditure estimated for constructing the tunnel; and

(c) whether its construction will be completed during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) It is proposed to construct a tunnel at Rohtang to provide an all weather road to Leh.

In May 2002 it was decided, as a first step, to construct access roads to both the North and South portals of the proposed tunnel at Rohtang at a cost of Rs. 30 crore. Two access roads were to be constructed of 2.7 kms (North Portal) and access road to the South portal of 23.8 kms. The access road to the North portal of the tunnel has almost been completed and 23.46 kms. of the access road to the South portal has been completed.

A sum of Rs. 30 crore has been utilized till March 2004. The amount spent during the current financial year is Rs. 14.82 crore in addition.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Because of the limited working season no further expenditure is anticipated in this financial year.

Onlhe basis of Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services (RITES) the estimated cost of Rohtang Tunnei and other related works is Rs. 1709.35 crore. The work relating to construction of access roads and alternate route to Leh is already under progress by the Border Roads Organisation and construction of tunnel will be taken up through a contractor for which global tenders would be invited.

Construction of tunnel and other related works will provide strategic operational support to the Army and lead to economic development of the area. This will also reduce the distance between Manali and Leh by 40 kms.

The work relating to construction of tunnel and other related works is proposed to be completed by 2011-201.2, which is beyond the Xth Five Year Plan, which culminates in 2007.

Organizing the scattered units of handloom industry

*†210. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to organize the scattered units of the handloom industry;

(b) If so, whether it is a fact that for the development of the handloom industry it is necessary that these scattered units are got registered after organizing them; and

(c) if so, the steps taken so far by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA):

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